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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As it has been stated in answer to clauses (*b*) and (*c*), the Government are waiting for the report of the president of the district board."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I want to know whether the action to be taken by the Government will not depend on the recommendation of the local body concerned, and whether the Minister has not said so sometime ago?"

The hon Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The report of the president of the district board will naturally deal with that position."

Alleged irregularities in the election of the Bellary District Board President.

* 1496 *Q.*—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the election of the President of the District Board of Bellary was held on 28th November last;

(*b*) whether one of the candidates was the President of the Board on the day of election; and

(*c*) whether the Government have taken any and, if so, what action to set right the irregularity in respect of the nomination of an existing President as one of the candidates?

A.—(*a*) Yes,

(*b*) Yes,

(*c*) There was no irregularity,

Nomination of Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar to Bellary District Board.

* 1497 *Q.*—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) when M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar was nominated to the Bellary District Board;

(*b*) for what period he was nominated and when that period expired; and

(*c*) whether he now continues to be a member of the Board and if so, how?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar Avargal was appointed Member of the Bellary District Board from 20th October 1925. The period of his appointment as a nominated member expired on 8th December 1925 when he was elected as President, District Board, from which date he became ex-officio member by virtue of section 14 (1) of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920.

(*c*) He is now ex-officio member of the Board as he was re-elected as President, District Board, with effect from 11th December 1928.